

## Social Security Program

The Social Security program—Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—provides monthly benefits to workers and their families when earnings stop or are reduced because the worker retires, dies, or becomes disabled. The amount of the worker's retirement insurance (old-age) or disability benefit is based on the worker's level of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by the Social Security program. The benefit amount for an auxiliary or survivor beneficiary is based on a percentage of the worker's benefit. Monthly benefits are payable to retired workers at age 65 (reduced benefits at 62) or to disabled workers at any age. Auxiliary and survivor beneficiaries must generally meet an age, a disability, or child care requirement.

Nationally, in December 2001 benefits were paid to 45,874,040 persons. This number included 28,841,850 retired workers, 5,024,520 widows and widowers, 5,265,190 disabled workers, 2,895,150 wives and husbands, and 3,847,330 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 15.7 percent of the total population and 91.2 percent of the population 65 or older.

Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In Iowa, benefits were paid to 541,280 persons. This number included 352,450 retired workers; 64,690 widows and widowers; 50,560 disabled workers; 39,250 wives and husbands; and 34,330 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.6 percent of the total population of the state and 96.2 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Iowa received an average of \$874 per month; widows and widowers, \$848; disabled workers, \$788; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$447. Average payments for children were: \$456 for children of retired workers; \$588 for children of deceased workers; and \$243 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$435 million. Of this amount, \$327 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$65 million to survivors; and \$43 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

## Supplemental Security Income Program

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, and disabled persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program is based on nationally uniform eligibility standards and payment levels. The federal SSI payment is determined by the recipient's countable income, living arrangement, and marital status. As of January 2002, the maximum monthly federal SSI payment for an individual living in his or her own household and with no other countable income is \$545, and for a couple, \$817.

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In December 2001, 6,688,489 persons received federally administered SSI payments

including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Iowa**, 40,716 persons—4,283 aged, and 36,433 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 7,550 recipients were aged 65 or older, 27,510 between 18 and 64, and 5,656 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$15.1 million, of which all but \$239,487 was federal SSI. The average federal payment was \$339 overall, \$192 for aged recipients, and \$356 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 4,416 persons in Iowa received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$1.5 million.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Iowa receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 565,845.

## **Social Security Earnings and Employment**

Nationally, in 1999, the latest year for which state data are available, an estimated 151.4 million persons worked in employment that was covered under the Social Security (Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance or OASDI) program. They earned \$3.7 trillion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$464 billion in Social Security taxes to the OASI and DI Trust Funds.

In **Iowa** in 1999, an estimated 1.71 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$37.98 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$4.71 billion in Social Security taxes.

## **Medicare Earnings and Employment**

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In **Iowa** in 1999, an estimated 1.72 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$41.87 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.21 billion in Medicare taxes.



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Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In **Kansas**, benefits were paid to 440,620 persons. This number included 286,590 retired workers; 49,220 widows and widowers; 43,730 disabled workers; 28,370 wives and husbands; and 32,710 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.4 percent of the total population of the state and 93.7 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Kansas received an average of \$896 per month; widows and widowers, \$873; disabled workers, \$793; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$460. Average payments for children were: \$451 for children of retired workers; \$581 for children of deceased workers; and \$235 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$362 million. Of this amount, \$271 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$53 million to survivors; and \$38 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

## Supplemental Security Income Program

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including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Kansas**, 36,600 persons—3,663 aged, and 32,937 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 6,745 recipients were aged 65 or older, 23,696 between 18 and 64, and 6,159 under 18.

Federally administered SSI payments totaled \$14.1 million. The average federally administered payment was \$353 overall, \$223 for aged recipients, and \$368 for those disabled and blind.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Kansas receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 463,880.

## **Social Security Earnings and Employment**

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In **Kansas** in 1999, an estimated 1.54 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$36.38 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$4.51 billion in Social Security taxes.

## **Medicare Earnings and Employment**

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In **Kansas** in 1999, an estimated 1.55 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$42.27 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$1.23 billion in Medicare taxes.



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Monthly benefits averaged \$874 for retired workers; \$820 for all widows and widowers (\$841 for nondisabled widows and widowers); \$815 for disabled workers; and \$430 for wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers. Average payments for children of deceased workers were \$570; for children of retired workers, \$414; and for children of disabled workers, \$239.

Monthly payments for December 2001 totaled \$36.5 billion. Of this amount, \$26.6 billion was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$5.2 billion to survivors; and \$4.7 billion to disabled workers and their dependents. Average benefits and total monthly payments include the 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase effective December 2001.

In **Missouri**, benefits were paid to 1,012,790 persons. This number included 624,910 retired workers; 109,710 widows and widowers; 130,300 disabled workers; 59,340 wives and husbands; and 88,530 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 18.0 percent of the total population of the state and 94.4 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Missouri received an average of \$863 per month; widows and widowers, \$816; disabled workers, \$797; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$429. Average payments for children were: \$435 for children of retired workers; \$568 for children of deceased workers; and \$227 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$794 million. Of this amount, \$568 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$113 million to survivors; and \$113 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

## Supplemental Security Income Program

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including 1,264,463 aged, and 5,424,026 who were disabled or blind. A total of 1,995,159 recipients were aged 65 or older, 3,811,494 were 18 to 64, and 881,836 were under age 18.

The total number of persons receiving either a Social Security payment, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 50,172,400. Federally administered payments totaled over \$2.8 billion in December 2001: \$2.5 billion in federal SSI payments, and \$302 million in state supplements. The average federally administered payment was \$394. The aged averaged \$314; disabled and blind, \$413.

In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Missouri**, 113,258 persons—12,007 aged, and 101,251 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 22,493 recipients were aged 65 or older, 73,861 between 18 and 64, and 16,904 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$44.2 million. The average federal payment was \$357 overall, \$195 for aged recipients, and \$376 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 8,963 persons in Missouri received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$2.2 million.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Missouri receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 1,082,918.

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In **Missouri** in 1999, an estimated 3.07 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$69.06 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$8.56 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In **Missouri** in 1999, an estimated 3.13 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$80.99 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.35 billion in Medicare taxes.



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In **Nebraska**, benefits were paid to 285,900 persons. This number included 187,360 retired workers; 31,850 widows and widowers; 26,730 disabled workers; 20,450 wives and husbands; and 19,510 children. Social Security beneficiaries represented 16.7 percent of the total population of the state and 94.6 percent of the state's population aged 65 or older.

Retired workers in Nebraska received an average of \$856 per month; widows and widowers, \$847; disabled workers, \$772; and wives and husbands of retired and disabled workers, \$442. Average payments for children were: \$454 for children of retired workers; \$596 for children of deceased workers; and \$228 for children of disabled workers.

Monthly payments in December 2001 totaled \$226 million. Of this amount, \$170 million was paid to retired workers and their dependents; \$33 million to survivors; and \$22 million to disabled workers and their dependents.

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In addition, 689,163 persons in 30 states received state-administered payments in December 2001, which totaled \$75 million.

In **Nebraska**, 21,471 persons—2,307 aged, and 19,164 disabled and blind—received federally administered SSI payments in December 2001. A total of 4,104 recipients were aged 65 or older, 14,028 between 18 and 64, and 3,339 under 18.

Federal SSI payments totaled \$8 million. The average federal payment was \$339 overall, \$203 for aged recipients, and \$356 for those disabled and blind. In addition, 5,574 persons in Nebraska received state-administered supplementation in December 2001, which totaled \$519,000.

In December 2001, the total number of persons in Nebraska receiving either a Social Security benefit, a federally administered SSI payment, or both was 298,692.

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In **Nebraska** in 1999, an estimated 1.02 million residents worked in employment covered under the Social Security program. They had \$22.23 billion in Social Security taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$2.76 billion in Social Security taxes.

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In **Nebraska** in 1999, an estimated 1.02 million residents worked in employment covered under the Medicare program. They had \$24.69 billion in Medicare taxable earnings. Employees, employers, and the self-employed paid a total of \$716 million in Medicare taxes.



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